



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SOLEDAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
1261 METZ ROAD, SOLEDAD, CA 93960  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

**I. OPENED BUSINESS – 6:00 PM**

A. Called Public Session to Order

B. Roll Called

Mrs. Marie Berlanga, President

Mrs. Jodi Massa, Vice-President

Mrs. Josie Perez-Aguilera, Clerk

Mr. Jaime Fernandez, Trustee

Mr. Javier Galvan, Trustee - ABSENT

Mr. Jorge Z. Guzman, Interim Superintendent

C. Approved the Closed Session Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA BY: Jaime Fernandez  
SECONDED BY: Josie Perez-Aguilera AYES: Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Massa, Mrs. Perez-Aguilera NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Galvan**

D. Allowed for Public Comment on Closed Session Topics

- Mr. Bourke, Teacher, thanked the Board in advance for taking action on Superintendent Boyd's resignation. He said this step was necessary for the district to move forward. He also asked that when hiring the new superintendent to look outside and make sure this person is 100% clean, without any political agenda of their own so the district can move forward; since Superintendent Guzman has expressed that he does not want the job. It makes no sense to start chopping everyone, it would hurt the district rather than help to take out the superintendent and secretaries, you'll decapitate the district. Help rather than hurt, take out superintendent and secretaries, you decapitate the district. Superintendent Guzman has served the district for many years; makes no sense to remove him. The secretaries were in a bad place and they are needed by the district. Thank you for taking the step in taking her resignation, he said she was a nasty and unpleasant person and they are glad she is gone.
- Mrs. Maria Vidal, parent, said these had been three really hard years, of someone humiliating others and our kids need a lot of education. She said she was so grateful that they are taking action on her resignation and to look into here to it has been 3 really hard years, humiliated our kids need a lot of education. Feel so

grateful that are accepting her resignation to and only give her only what she deserves.

E. Immediately Adjourn to Closed Session - 6:04 p.m.

II. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Personnel

1. Accepting the Resignation from the District Superintendent

III. **RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION** - 6:19 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Report of action taken in closed session

By a motion made by Mrs. Perez-Aguilera and seconded by Mr. Fernandez, and with a vote of 4 to 0 with Mr. Galvan absent, the Board accepted the resignation from the Superintendent and approved the separation agreement.

***Comments:***

Mr. Bourke asked if the settlement agreement was public or sealed. Legal Counsel, Lou Lozano responded that it was public document and copies were made available to the public/media.

Mr. Bourke also asked if the settlement agreement addressed the District Attorney and how this would affect their investigation. Mr. Lozano said it had nothing to do with the agreement, it had no relationship with D.A. office and what they do is their decision and we have no influence over that.

President Berlanga also stated that the Board had accepted the resignation of the Superintendent, Rupi Boyd effective November 1, 2016. The District is prepared to move forward with the advances we are making this year. They are focusing on student learning, building a new middle school; installing Solar Panels at the high school; and we have great students, staff and parents.

Trustee Perez- agreed with what President Berlanga stated and said we are moving forward. The Board has accepted her resignation and she will not be making, participating in any school activity or providing any input in the district's business. She said that Mr. Guzman is the Interim Superintendent and any concerns, questions or positive feedback should be sent to him. The Board is here to serve and listen to staff, community, and parents.

President Berlanga said that at the Board Retreat on August 20<sup>th</sup> they had a great turnout and had good information on the district moving forward and working with the community, your concerns are the Board's concerns.

Mr. Bourke asked if and when the Board would start looking for a new Superintendent. Mr. Lozano stated that the resignation was as of November 1, 2016, so the Board could start seeking a new superintendent after that.

IV. **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no new items of business.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Board approved: September 14, 2016